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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response to the Office action mailed on June 23, 2006. This response is subject to the two month rule.

The Applicants respectfully requests consideration of the amendments by the Examiner although submitted after Final Rejection. The amendments submitted herewith focus the subject matter of the claims, will simplify examination, and better place the claims in condition for allowance.